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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Tunisia and Yemen: draft resolution

Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976, 1/ and the relevant recommendations for national action adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, 2/

Recalling also its resolution 44/174 of 19 December 1989,

Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people against the Isaeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,

Gravely alarmed by the continuation of the Israeli settlement policies in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, which have been declared illegal and a major obstacle to peace,

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1/ Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7), chap. I.

2/ Ibid., chap. II.

1. Takes note of the report annexed to the note by the Secretary-General; 3/

2. Calls for the immediate cessation of the Israeli practices against the Palestinian people, particularly in the economic and social fields;

3. Expresses its alarm at the deterioration, as a result of the Israeli occupation, in the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967;

4. Affirms that the Israeli occupation is contradictory to the basic requirements for the social and economic development of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

5. Rejects the Israeli plans and actions intended to change the demographic composition of the occupied Palestinian territory, in particular the increase and expansion of the Israeli settlements;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of improving the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory and to plan for concerted economic and social actions by the United Nations system during the transitional period between occupation and self-determination;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50, in which, inter alia, the Council invited States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia, for a number of years, assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country, in order to take into account the conditions that exist in Namibia and to assist it, as a newly independent country, to mobilize its economic potential;

(b) Decide to extend special assistance to Namibia equivalent to that given to a least developed country.

B. Relationship of proposed request to the approved programme of work

2. Provision is proposed under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 1/ for travel of representatives of Member States that are least developed countries to sessions of the General Assembly. This activity is not programmed.

C. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

3. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962, as amended by Assembly resolutions 2245 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2489 (XXIII) and 2491 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, travel expenses but not subsistence expenses have been paid by the Organization for not more than five representatives, including alternate representatives, of each Member State attending a regular session of the Assembly and for one representative or alternate representative attending a special or emergency special session of the Assembly. Recommendation 6 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations, however, provides that reimbursement of travel costs for representatives of Member States attending the Assembly should be limited to the least developed countries. 2/ Subsequently, by resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, the Assembly decided that the recommendations, as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group, should be implemented.

4. While the reference to "special assistance" in paragraph 1 (b) is subject to interpretation, it is the understanding of the Secretary-General that it would involve the addition of travel expenses of representatives to sessions of the General Assembly.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 1992-1993

5. As noted in section B above, activities in this area are not programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 1/ Consequently, no modification will be required.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, it is assumed that Namibia would be entitled to reimbursement of the travel costs of its representatives to the forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly. At current airfares, and assuming a full use of this entitlement, estimated additional costs of $62,900 would arise during the biennium 1992-1993.

F. Potential for absorption

7. The provision under section 1 of the proposed programme budget relates to travel to sessions of the General Assembly by the 40 Member States that are currently designated as least developed countries, and it is not anticipated that the estimated additional cost of $62,900 could be absorbed within the proposed appropriation.

G. Indication of additional requirements

8. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27, it is estimated that an additional requirement of $62,900 would arise.

H. Contingency fund

9. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

10. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the costs required from the contingency fund, the implementation of the draft resolution may have to be postponed, as provided for in the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

11. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27, it is estimated that an additional appropriation of $62,900 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49), para. 21.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

Programme budget implications of revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the revised draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 of revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190 (A/46/215-E/1991/76/Rev.1);

(b) Welcome the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl to strengthen the coordination of the international efforts in that area, inter alia, in the setting up of the corresponding Inter-Agency Task Force and the preparation of the Joint Plan of international cooperation to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

(c) Request the organs, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue the consideration of possible technical and other specialized assistance and specific actions in the areas most affected by the accident, particularly in Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, in close cooperation with the United Nations Coordinator, taking into account the Joint Plan, as introduced by the Secretary-General at the Chernobyl Pledging Conference;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the coordination of efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in accordance with its resolution 45/190;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work

2. Coordination of activities related to addressing and mitigating the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl power plant is not included in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ nor has a related provision been included under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would continue the small unit established during 1991 principally through temporary redeployments and non-reimbursable loans in order to assist the United Nations Coordinator in:

(a) Management of the United Nations Chernobyl Trust Fund;

(b) Coordination of related activities of the United Nations system through the Inter-Agency Task Force;

(c) Liaison with the national authorities concerned;

(d) Monitoring of assistance provided by the United Nations system, as well as bilaterally in the context of the Joint Plan in response to the Secretary-General's appeal;

(e) Revision and adjustment, as required, of the Joint Plan, in consultation with the national authorities concerned;

(f) Continuation of efforts to mobilize support from the private sector, non-governmental organizations and other entities;

(g) Establishment and maintenance of a database on bilateral and multilateral assistance activities, both planned and under way;

(h) Dissemination of information, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat;

(i) Preparation of progress reports.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993

4. As indicated in section B, the above-mentioned activities are not programmed and hence no modifications will be required in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

5. It is anticipated that, should the General Assembly adopt the revised draft resolution, the activities outlined in section C would require the services of a total of two Professional and higher-level staff members (one at the D-1 level and one at the P-4 level) as well as a support staff of two from the General Service category (Other levels), together with provision for consultants, overtime, a personal computer, travel of staff, contractual translation and printing, supplies and general operating expenses.

6. On a full-cost basis, these additional requirements for 1992 are estimated at $424,500, according to the following breakdown:

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(a) Consultants	20 000
(b) Overtime	300
(c) Temporary posts	247 100
(d) Common staff costs	86 100
(e) Travel of staff	30 000
(f) Contractual services	23 000
(g) General operating expenses	9 000
(h) Supplies and materials	1 000
(i) Office automation equipment	8 000
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7. At the present stage, continuation of coordinating activities relating to the Joint Plan will require support from the regular budget. Should those activities extend beyond 1992, however, the Secretary-General proposes to seek to identify alternative financing from the United Nations Chernobyl Trust Fund or through contributions from parties, including organizations of the United Nations system, carrying out activities under the Joint Plan. Details of such proposals would be included in the report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session that is requested in the draft resolution.

F. Potential for absorption

8. It is not anticipated that any of the above requirements can be absorbed within the provisions under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

G. Indication of additional requirements

9. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1, it is anticipated that net additional resources of $424,500 would be required.

H. Contingency fund

10. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the proposed programme budget. Under that procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the current session.

11. No activity has been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should it not prove possible to meet the required costs from the contingency fund, the implementation of the draft resolution may have to be postponed, as provided for in the criteria for use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

I. Summary

12. Should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30, it is estimated that an additional non-recurrent appropriation of $424,500 would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. In addition, an amount of $71,500 would be required under section 36 (Staff assessment), to be offset by an increase in the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment).

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.